

PRESIDING OFFICER'S  
RULING NO. N2014-1/1

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

DSCF Standard Mail Load Leveling

Docket No. N2014-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING  
CANCELING HEARING AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES

(Issued February 4, 2014)

On December 30, 2013, the Commission issued a notice and order concerning the Postal Service's request for an advisory opinion on the DSCF Standard Mail Load Leveling Plan.<sup>1</sup> This Order scheduled a hearing for February 11, 2014 to enter the Postal Service's direct case into the record. It also established February 3, 2014 as the deadline for participants to enter notices of intent to conduct oral cross-examination. No participant filed a notice of intent to cross-examine the Postal Service's witnesses. Because no participant seeks to conduct oral cross-examination, the February 11, 2014 hearing is canceled.

Participants may designate interrogatory responses to be included in the record as written cross-examination. Designations shall be filed by February 6, 2014. As a reminder, notices of designations shall clearly identify the responding witness (or institutional) and the specific responses designated for that witness.

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<sup>1</sup> Notice and Order on Request for an Advisory Opinion on Changes in the Nature of Postal Services, December 30, 2013 (Order).

When a participant designates written cross-examination, a designation packet shall simultaneously be submitted to the Commission's dockets section containing two hard copies of each designated document (single-sided, unstapled, and not hole-punched), separated by witness (or institutional). If the designation packet contains materials from more than one witness, the material shall be separated by witness with the responding witness identified for each separation. The Commission will organize the designated material in a manner suitable for publication.

The complete designation packet shall be available for the Postal Service's review at the Commission's dockets section on February 11, 2014. The Postal Service may make any final corrections to the packet at that time.<sup>2</sup> Any objections to the designated material shall be filed by February 14, 2014.

The Postal Service, by motion, shall request the Commission to enter witness testimony, associated Library References, the designated written cross-examination, and any Postal Service-designated written counter-cross-examination into the record. The motion shall include a declaration/affidavit from the witness attesting to the proposed record material. A Postal Service attorney may attest to the institutional responses. This motion is due February 14, 2014.

## RULING

1. The hearing scheduled for February 11, 2014 is canceled.
2. Designations of written cross-examination to be entered into the record are due February 6, 2014.
3. Objections, if any, to designated material are due February 14, 2014.

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<sup>2</sup> The Postal Service shall also contemporaneously file notice of errata, as necessary, for any changes made to the designations packet.

4. The Postal Service motion requesting material to be entered into the record, along with associated declarations/affidavits, is due February 14, 2014.

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